(*b*) the number of Assistant Inspectresses of Vernacular Schools ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) :

(*a*) The statement is given below :—

Hindus :	
Tamil Brahmins	5
Nairs	6
Vellala	1
Christians :	
Syrian Christians—Mar Thoma	5
Do. —Jacobite	2
Do. —Catholic	1
Church of England	1
Total	21

(*b*) The statement is given below :—

Hindus :	
Nairs	3
Christians :	
Protestant Indian Christian (L. M. S.)	1
Anglican Syrian	1
Reformed Syrian	1
Total	6

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know whether there are no qualified teachers who could be appointed as Assistant Inspectors from among the backward communities in the State ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : I believe there are.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I know the particular reason why that question was not hitherto considered by Government ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : It has been considered by Government. Recently a member from a backward community was appointed as Assistant Inspectress.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikapalli I*) : May I point out to Government that, in future, when vacancies of Assistant Inspectors occur, the question of appointing men from the backward community should be borne in mind ?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes.

Kottarakara-Ernakulam Railway.

15. ***MR. M. K. JANARDANA KAMATH** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) what the estimated cost is for the Kottarakara-Ernakulam Railway ; and

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(*b*) whether they have any intention of starting the work in the near future?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No survey has been made of any railway line from Kottarakara to Ernakulam; but a survey has been made of one from Quilon to Ernakulam. The estimated cost of this line is Rs. 1,84,76,407.

(*b*) The question of starting the work has not been decided.

STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under rule 76 of the Travancore Legislative Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 32 of Regulation II of 1108.

Demand.	Amount. Rs.	Particulars.
V. Medical and Sanitary—Chemical Examiner, Ayurveda Department including grants to Institutions and honoraria to Vydians and Sanitary Department excluding Public Health.	(For 1108) Rs. 5,077	Expenditure incurred by the Estate Managers in the Peermade taluk in connection with plague prevention work.
VII. Education.	7,100	For expenditure on the Education Reforms Committee.
VIII. Buildings, Communications and Miscellaneous Public Improvements, Protective Irrigation, etc.	1,395	For furnishing the Lyndhurst Bungalow.
XXII. Miscellaneous.	750	Pay of the Secretary and staff of the Public Service Recruitment Committee.
I. Land Revenue.	(For 1109) 1,403	For the continuance of the Taluk Tenmikaram staff (by one month) up to end of Makaram 1109.

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